

NEW YORK'S SOCIETY QUEEN

A New Aspirant for the Exalted Position

A RULER OF THE 400 NEEDED

Mrs. Whitney to Ascend Gotham's Social Throne

The Smart Set Has Been Sadly Befogged Since the Abdication of Mrs. Astor Two Years Ago.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Society is to have a new queen. Of course, it has not been officially announced, things of that kind never are; still it is pretty well understood by the gilded folks who make up the smart set that the throne chair, which has been vacant for the past two years, is to be occupied and the affairs of swiftdom directed with as much splendor as the heart of the most brilliant butterfly could wish.



MRS. W. C. WHITNEY, WHO IS SLATED FOR THE POSITION OF QUEEN OF SOCIETY

genune royal kind, have their enemies, and if the wishes of these latter could be realized, the poor queens would be ousted without a second's delay in time.

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MUSICAL COLUMN

Miss Yaw's concert on Monday, the 16th inst., is being looked forward to with a very great amount of interest, and is sure to draw a very large audience to Simpson tabernacle.

An opera entitled "Der Vierjaehrige Posten," by Schubert, had its first performance in Dresden last month. The music is greatly inferior to the Erlking, which Schubert wrote in the same year.

Herr Hermann Levi, the famous Wagnerian conductor, has been compelled, owing to a prolonged nervous malady, to retire to private life.

Padrewski, about whose sanity sensational rumors have been current, is at present in the south of France, busily engaged on a new opera, which he hopes

cert four twenty years ago. And the dashing Tagliapietra, never so happy as when he wore the smart clothes of a Spanish bull fighter and could roll out his "toreador" attitude to the plaudits of the galleries; and then d'Albert, whose dimensions as a virtuoso are in inverse ratio to his size as a man who wears Jager Hannel from the top of his head.

A good story is told on Colonel Mapleson by Ardit, the veteran conductor, in his recently published memoirs, and it may be especially apropos to quote it now that after so long an absence the gallant one is back in the city.

"I remember a good story of Mapleson," says the author, "which opportunely recurs to me at this moment. A nobody tenor who had made his debut under Mapleson's management came to me one day in a towering rage, flourishing a daily paper in his hand, and complaining bitterly of the manager, which his singing had been criticised by that journal.

Harley Hamilton returned yesterday from Europe. The manager of the Opera at Budapest is giving a cycle of operas by Hungarian composers, including Erkel, Doppler, Faras, Michaelovitch, Zichy, Hubay and Frotzler.

Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood was one of the soloists at the second popular concert of the series given by the New York Symphony society, Walter Damrosch, conductor.

The contract for the production of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's new comic opera has been duly signed by the composer and Mr. D'Oyly Carte, and the work will be presented to the London public before Christmas.

Roman Scialva of Pesaro, Italy, has written a libretto from Hauptmann's Die Weber, which has been offered to Mascagni, who is expected to accept it.

A French theorist, Anatole Loquin, has brought out a work on Harmony Simplified, which contains all possible combinations of the twelve notes of the scale, taken two, three, four, up to twelve together.

The music this evening at St. Vincent's church, corner Grand avenue and Washington street, will be Haydn's First Mass, under the direction of Herr Josef Rubo, when the choir will render this mass in its entirety.

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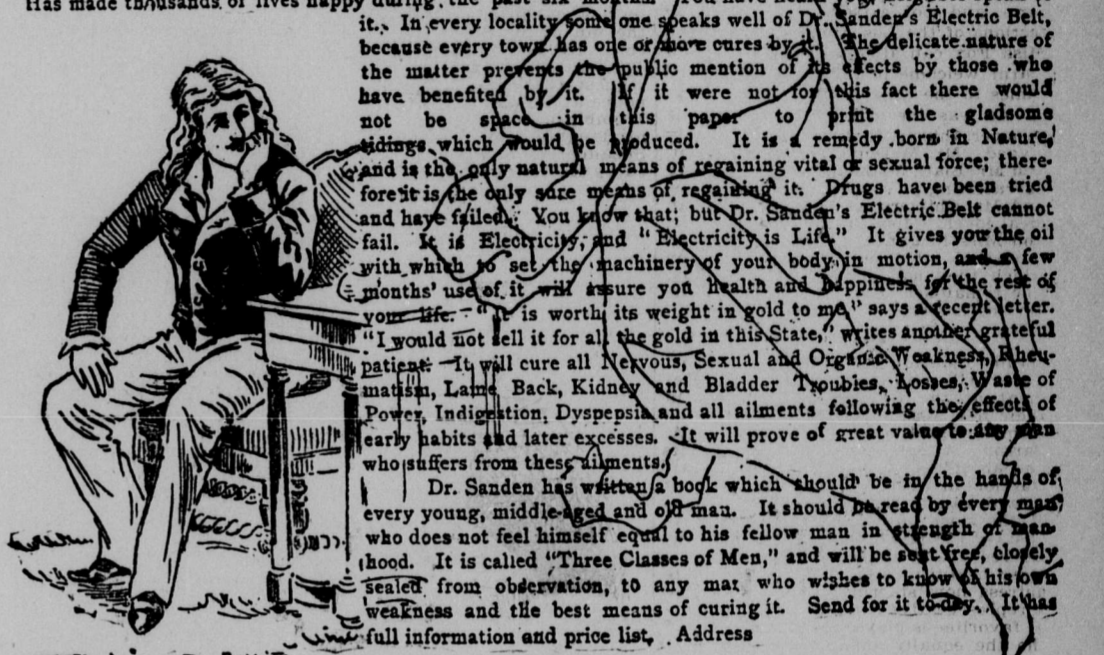
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